

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6623

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LCO No. 3461

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOBBYISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 9-333n of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (g) as follows:
- 3 (NEW) (g) No lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to,
- 4 or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
- 5 primary or election to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two
- 6 hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
- 7 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two hundred
- 8 dollars; (3) state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty dollars; or (4)
- 9 state representative, in excess of one hundred dollars. No lobbyist shall
- 10 make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in excess
- of five hundred dollars to a state central committee, in excess of two
- 12 hundred fifty dollars to a town committee and in excess of two
- 13 hundred fifty dollars to a legislative caucus committee.
- Sec. 2. Section 9-3330 of the general statutes is amended by adding
- 15 subsection (g) as follows:

16 (NEW) (g) No political committee established by a business entity 17 that is a lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for 18 the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary 19 or election to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two hundred fifty 20 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, 21 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two hundred dollars; (3) 22 state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty dollars; or (4) state 23 representative, in excess of one hundred dollars. No such political 24 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any one 25 calendar year in excess of five hundred dollars to a state central 26 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a town committee 27 or in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a legislative caucus 28 committee.

- Sec. 3. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (f) as follows:
- (NEW) (f) No political committee established by an organization that is a lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two hundred dollars; (3) state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty dollars; or (4) state representative, in excess of one hundred dollars. No such political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in excess of five hundred dollars to a state central committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a town committee or in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a legislative caucus committee.
- 44 Sec. 4. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is amended by adding 45 subsection (c) as follows:
- 46 (NEW) (c) No political committee organized for ongoing political 47 activities by or on behalf of a lobbyist shall make a contribution or

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48 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for 49 nomination at a primary or election to the office of (1) Governor, in 50 excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary 51 of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of 52 two hundred dollars; (3) state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty 53 dollars; or (4) state representative, in excess of one hundred dollars. No 54 such political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in 55 any one calendar year in excess of five hundred dollars to a state 56 central committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a town 57 committee or in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a legislative 58 caucus committee.

Sec. 5. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows:

(NEW) (c) No political committee established for a single primary or election by or on behalf of a lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two hundred dollars; (3) state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty dollars; or (4) state representative, in excess of one hundred dollars. No such political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in excess of five hundred dollars to a state central committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to a legislative caucus committee.

74 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To limit campaign contributions from lobbyists and political committees established by lobbyists.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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